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Via fax (202) 565-9000 and e-mail.
Ms. Diana Wood
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 266X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment Exemption - In McDowell County, NC

Dear Ms. Wood:

Attached is a copy of the August 31, 2006 letter of Mr. Richard P. Dietz, NSR's Engineer System Design, to Mr. Gary Thompson, Chief, NC Geodetic Survey advising him of NSR's intentions as to removal of the track, which I have also sent via e-mail attachment. I am sorry for my (unintentional) delay since Tuesday in getting this out.

Very truly yours,


James R. Paschall

Enclosure (1 page)

cc w/encl (via e-mail):
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August 31, 2006

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Re: Norfolk Southern – Rail line abandonment – Marion, NC

Dear Mr. Thompson

Norfolk Southern has received STB authority (Docket No. AB 290(266X) to abandon its line of railroad located near the city of Marion, North Carolina, the railroad mileposts being SB 205.0 to SB 208.5. As a condition of this authority, Norfolk Southern is required to contact the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) 90 days in advance of commencing salvage activities, in order to identify any markers that might require relocation due to the salvage activities associated with the rail line abandonment. Attached for your use in determining the location of the markers is a portion of the USGS Quad map for Marion East indicating the location of the rail line to be abandoned. Please note that the tracks parallel an active CSX rail line for a short distance. As further information a real time survey cannot be undertaken on this line segment as the brush and vegetation has overtaken the right of way.

Please accept this letter as having met the requirements of the conditions imposed by the Surface Transportation Board concerning this abandonment decision.

Sincerely

R P Dietz
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